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ON this page appears the cut of Mr. W. F. Dick, our London correspondent, who has been writing for the JUBILEE PHILATELIST each month since its beginning last September. Mr. Dick started a collection in 1890 and had collected quite a large number when he disposed of several hundred of his best but since then he has been steadily adding to his collection and has succeeded in gathering over 5000 varieties into his stamp book. He has not many very rare stamps but preferred to have a large medium collection rather than a small and more valuable one. He has made a specialty of Argentine Republic which he has not found very expensive. This is the only country of which he makes a specialty. In all, Mr. Dick has a model collection and collectors would do well to follow his example. He is nineteen years of age and is very popular in London Philatelic circles and is one of the prominent dealers.

W. F. DICK.

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MONTREAL NOTES.

Stampic business is exceedingly dull in Montreal and dealers are eagerly awaiting for September to revive the trade.

At the last meeting of trustees of the C. P. C. the THE JUBILEE PHILATELIST was chosen official organ and Mr. A. S. Bertrand elected vice-president for Canada.

Montreal lost another good philatelic writer in the person of Mr. W. F. Graham (formerly Montreal correspondent to this paper) who left the city for Smith's Falls a few weeks ago. We hope that he will not forget his friends in Montreal, and especially the pretty little "brunette."

The Mount Royal Stamp Club has decided not to hold any meetings during the summer months as most of the members will be out of the city in June, July and August.

The Mount Royal Stamp News' second number will appear on or about May 30th.

Mr. Marks of the Marks Stamp Co. visited the city at the beginning of the month.

C. E. A. HOLMES.

ILLINOIS ITEMS

BY S. E. MOISANT.

With the appearance of the Chicago Junior, Illinois has three stamp papers, two published in Chicago and one in Kankakee. The Chicago Junior is a neat paper published by Kosser W. Cobbe, 231 Jackson Park Terrace, Chicago, Ill. Subscription ten cents per year. Mr. Cobbe assures me that his paper has come to stay. He further states that the second issue is ready for the press. The Prairie State Philatelist published by Geo. F. Dold, 2607 39th St., Chicago, Ill., is another very neat and up-to-date journal. Two numbers have already been issued and both are of the best quality. The Stamp Exchange published by S. E. Moisant, at Kankakee, Ill., is the oldest of the trio. Two numbers have appeared and it seems to have come to stay.

The Prairie State Philatelic Assn. is the latest thing in society affairs. F. Haller of Chicago, is acting Sec. Treas. and Geo. Dold is acting as Pres. I believe the Prairie State Philatelist will act as official organ.

In No. 1 of the Chicago Junior Mr. Cobbe speaks of organizing a new society in opposition to the International Order of Philatelic Knights. Only collectors under 21 should be admitted—so Mr. Cobbe says.

Mr. Geo. T. Hartung, 1629 Barry Ave., Chicago, states that he will publish a new paper called the Illinois Philatelist.

Mr. Geo. Dold has opened up a new printing office in Chicago for the purpose of doing philatelic printing. As he does neat work he should be favored with a good deal of work.

P. M. Wolseefer's last sale took place April 28 at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago. The sale was the most successful of the season. The prices realized were quite high and the attendance was good. A number of lots were withdrawn a few days before the sale took place. These lots consisted of proofs and essays, which turned out to be counterfeits. Mr. Wolseiffer is to be commended for his prompt and honorable action in this matter.

Mr. F. N. Massoth, the well known Chicago dealer, and auction manager of the Chicago Philatelic Society, has just returned from a trip through the Southern States.

Rover, one of the best juvenile papers published, has been discontinued, but for what reason I do not know. It had a stamp column filled with all the latest news and will surely be missed by many collectors who took it only for the stamp column.

Chicago stamp dealers all report that stamp business was never so good. The call for stamp hinges is the largest I have ever known.

The Pan-American stickers which have been distributed by the Rayner Hubbell Stamp Co. of Buffalo, have done much toward making stamp collectors. Several in Kankakee who received these stickers showed them to their friends and induced them to start a collection.

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A. S. BERTRAND, Prop.

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Dear Philatelic Friends :

I have received the resignation of the Ohio Philatelist as O. O. of your club, which has been accepted by the trustees, who have chosen " The Jubilee " to fill the vacancy.

Really I think certain officers have not enough to do and the members ought to give them a little more work. Mr. R. L. Doak has not had any stamps to examine. Only one circuit has been circulated by the exchange department. No auction has been held, and the library is composed of very few philatelic magazines. The fact is that members do not attend to their society as they should. Let them all contribute to the departments of the Club and let them bear in mind that it is for mutual advantage.

Yours truly
H. WILLSON.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The following is a list of members of the C. P. C.:

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Good Varieties to Look For

BY JOHN PELTZ.

I will try in this little article to relate and tell of some minor varieties in stamps which every beginner or junior collector should make it a point to search for, as it often happens that careless parties or those who despise these varieties will sell or trade you some of these for a very low price, and you should be on the lookout for them. A good plan to follow is to search through all your duplicates for these little differences in stamps, which are always worth something.

Beginning with U.S. we will take up the capped two's, issue 1890. Two varieties are very common but the cap "2" on right figure is very rare. I have found two copies of these among a lot of common U.S. stamps given me as a gift, Scott's catalogue lists all of these but does not price the right cap on "2" variety which seems to me to indicate its extreme scarcity. Then there are those Belguim errors, which mostly exist in the newspaper stamps. These are rather scarce, but you can sometimes find one or two copies among a lot of continental stamps. At least that has been my experience, or luck, for I have the 5c. green with Belgique misspelled "Beigique." This is a fine copy.

There is Denmark. In 1883 the 10 ore carmine appeared with the figures in corners of stamps very small. This variety unused is worth $4.00, used $2.00. In 1885 the figures in corners were made a great deal larger, but these are very common.

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EDITORIAL.

In last number we stated that the advertising rates would be increased with this issue but on consideration we have decided to retain our regular rates until next September with the exception of the ½ page which will be $3·25 and the page which will be $6.00. Now is the time to make your contract. We allow a discount of 10% on a three months' and 15% on a six months' contract.

We have received a very neat price list from the Netherinch Stamp Co., Winston, N.C. U.S.A. It is free for the asking.

J. F. Dodge, the well known publisher and dealer is suffering with erysipelas in his face and in consequence there was no issue of the Collector on March 20 and only one in April.

We will send postpaid a Revenue Catalogue with a year's subscription to this paper for only 30 cts.

We draw your attention to the advertisement of Charles Farr on last page. It is worth answering.

We sent out about 5000 copies of the Jubilee last issue. We solicit your advts. and subscriptions.

On front page appears the cut of Mr. Dick, our London correspondent. Mr. Dick is perfectly reliable and deserves the support of every reader. We have dealt with Mr. Dick for years and he is thoroughly trustworthy.

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The D. P. A. convention will be held in St. Catharines, July 2nd and 3rd next. It will be held in Montreal 1901.

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For the benefit of the Philatelic Chronicle we may say that the editor of the Mount Royal is still editor and publisher of the Mount Royal Stamp News and was only paying the manager and proprietor, Mr. Bertrand, a friendly visit in Smith's Falls.

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REVIEW

The April number of the Philatelic Spectator is very neat and is an improvement on last number. It contains some interesting notes and an article on the Transvaal Stamps.

The Philatelic Bulletin and Eastern Philately contains some good articles such as "Postage Stamps and How They Originated," Stamping Thro' Mexico" etc.

Vol. 1 No. 1 of the Universal Philatelist will appear from Philadelphia next September. It will be a 16 to 72 page monthly journal devoted to the interests of postage stamp, postage aud souvenir card collectors. It will be published by Wallace B. Grubb and will be edited by Claude T. Reno.

The Allegheny Philatelist and Herald Exchange for April contains a German page in addition to Puzzledom, Amateur Photography etc. As we stated in our last issue it now includes the Weekly Stamp Tribune.

The Weekly Era contains a short review of Stanley Gibbons' Journal.

The Weekly Era contains a short review of Stanley Gibbons' new catalogue, the usual notes and chronicle of new issues and an article "Used vs. Unused" taken from Stanley Gibbons' Journal.

The Universal Exchange and Auxiliary Phil. have consolidated and will appear with eight pages next issue.

The Bay State Philatelist for this month is exceedingly neat and well gotten up. The cuts of the officers of the Junior Philatelist are very good indeed. The trio are all promising looking young Americans. The paper contains an article on the 1895 Queensland Provisionals by Geo. Whitman. Miss Amy L. Swift under the title of "Ye Olden Tyme" discusses whether cut envelopes are really collectable or not. Philatelic notes, etc. are given by Claude Reno, S. E. Moisant, Cecil Rawsom and John Peltz who all write well. "Did You Ever" a philatelic poem by Edgar S. Brightman appears in this issue.

The Junior Collector for April is a special birthday number, it having started on its second year. The articles are good and well worth reading.

The Adhesive is without a doubt one of the best philatelic publications issued to-day. It contains a cut and biographical sketch of Mr. Percival Parrish. A. R. Magill, Miss A. L. Swift, Mr. Chas. E. Jenney, W. O. Wylie and other good writers all contribute.

THE PRINCELY PALM

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

From the pictures on our much-loved stamps we learn history, geography, biography, mythology, zoology and botany.

Take botany for example. In looking over our stamps we see pictures of strange and ur.familiar plants and trees. Wishing to know more of these we look up in different books of reference anything we can find relative to them. One of the most commonly used botanical pictures on stamps is the palm tree. Therefore, a short description of it should not be out of place in a stamp magazine whose aim it is to give instruction to its readers.

The palm is so named on account of its leaves resembling a hand, of which the Latin is palma. Groups of palms here and there nodding lazily to each other as they admire the reflection of their own beauty in the water add one of the most beautiful features to the tropics. The palm is the peacock of trees. It is the most graceful thing that grows and every movement of its plumage is on artistic lines, but you can't help feeling that it is vain and conceited and considers itself better than the bamboos and ferns and other features of the glorious foliage you find in the tropics. The ancients thought the palm to be peculiar to Palestine. This is incorrect but it shows the deep affection which the ancient Hebrews had for the stately palm. Many of the places mentioned by the geography are named for the palm. Several Biblical names could be mentioned as having some connection with the palm tree, either in derivation of name or from trees on the spot. In Deuteronomy Jericho is called the "city of palm trees." Bethany, where were gathered the palm branches for the triumphal entry into Jerusalem, means nothing more than the "home of dates." Palms are a natural order of indigenous plants not excelled in importance by any order in the vegetable kingdom except grasses. Palms are generally tall and slender trees, often of a gigantic height (sixty to eighty feet) without a branch, and bearing at the summit a magnificent and graceful crown of very large leaves. The stem is sometimes, however, of humble growth, and more rarely it is thick in proportion to its height. Sometimes, but rarely, it is branched as in the broom palm, and sometimes, as in rattans, it is flexible, and seeks support from trees and bushes, over which it climbs in jungles and dense forests, clinging to them by means of hooked spines. Some of the species with flexible stem attain a prodigious length, ascending to the tops of the highest trees and falling down again. Rumphuis asserts that they are sometimes one thousand two hundred or one thousand eight hundred feet long. Whatever the form or magnitude of the stem of a palm, it is always woody and the root is always fibrous. It is only toward its circumference however, that the stem is hard, and there in many species it is extremely hard; but the centre is soft, often containing when young six hundred to eight hundred pounds of starch or sago, as it is called, and sometimes filled when old with a mass of fibre which can be separated without difficulty. Palms are mostly natives of tropical and seme-tropical countries, being found almost everywhere within the tropics and forming a most striking characteristic of tropical vegetation. The tropical parts of America abound in them, producing a far greater number of species than any other part of the world.

There are about one thousand species of palms known. The following ones mentioned are amongst the best known. The date palm yields edible fruits, the staple food of some districts of northern Africa. The best dates are produced from a palm tree from sixty to one hundred years old; three hundred pounds are annually yielded by trees of this age. Date seeds are a substitute for coffee. The cocoa palm is valuable for its food, timber, foliage, fibres and cocoanuts, which are a source of wealth to their possessors. There are various species called cabbage palms, valued for their "cabbage," but as this is the terminal bud whose removal causes the destruction of the tree, this is a wasteful article of diet unless care be taken by judicious planting to avert the annihilation of supplies. Then there is the famous "coco-de-mer" or double cocoanut, whose floating nuts might have suggested the twin steamboats, and are the objects of so many legends and superstitions. The tree is peculiar to the Seychelles, while it is used for many useful purposes. Its fruit is like a huge plum, containing a stone or nut like two cocoanuts (in their husks) joined together. The fan palm, wax palm, palmyra and palmette are also noted.

The wood, petioles, leaves, sap and fruit of many species of palm are invaluable in the arts and in domestic economy. It is impossible to over-estimate the utility of palms. They furnish food, shelter, clothing, timber, fuel, building material, sticks, fibre, paper, starch, sugar, oil, wine, tannin, dyeing materials, resis, and a host of minor products which render them most valuable to the nations and to tropical agriculturalists.

HERMES

BY A. LLOYD JONES.

On turning over the pages of our beloved stamp albums, when we come to Greece we notice that many of the Grecian stamps have a picture of a head covered with head gear ornamented with wings. The fact that there are wings on the hat naturally leads one to suppose that it is a female head. But the catalogue gives it as the head of Mercury. This however is not exactly correct for as it is a Greek stamp, the Greek name should be given, which is Hermes.

Hermes, or as better known by the Roman name of Mercury, was the son of the chief divinity Jupiter and of the eldest and fairest of the seven mountain goddesses, Maia Mercury is one of the twelve divinities of Olympus and is one of these that have planets named after them. In art Mercury is represented as a lad wearing a winged cap and winged sandals and bearing in his hand a rod entwined with two serpents called the saduceus.

The name Hermes really means the morning breeze and so it is thought that Mercury represents the wind. Because when the wind blows things are taken away, Mercury is thought of as the god of thieves. On account of this his picture in a stamp album would be most appropriate if every one thought as some do of stamp collectors.

Mercury presided over barter, trade, and all commercial dealings. His very name connected with Mercator, mercantile, etc. shows that he is god of merchandise and patron of merchants. All the usages and terminology of trade and all the religious ceremonies connected from it were borrowed by the Romans from the Greeks. Doubtless merchants practiced their religious ceremonies from the first but their god Mercurius was not officially recognized by the state till four hundred and ninety-five years before Christ. The odes of May was chosen as the feast of Mercury, obviously because Maia was his mother.

Mercury also is the god of eloquence, invention, wrestling and other gymnastic exercises, everything in short which requires skill and dexterity. Mercury is said to have invented the lyre. He found one day the shell of a tortoise with some strings of the inwards stretched across it and at once began to play on it and thus formed the first lyre. Then he kindled fire by the friction of wood, and thus gave to the world the warmth of the cheerful flame.

Then followed the contest between him and Phoebus Apollo respecting the stolen herd, the trial of the cause in the court of Zeus, the placation of Apollo's temper by the device of music, the interchange of the lyre of Hermes for the Caduceus of Phoebus, and to the treaty between the two deities, one of the most elaborate, interesting and witty myths of the Greeks.

Also Mercury was the interpreter and messenger of the gods, and it is said, the inventor of letters. This last explains why his picture, in preference to that of any other god, adorns the Grecian stamps.

AN ODDITY

BY J. SYDNEY DALTON.

The collector of oddities has of late had many varieties to add to his collection which he did not have before, for many errors have been made in the printing of our, not a few, new issues which have appeared since 1897—for from this date up to the present most countries have had their share in issuing news stamps, especially American countries – for the good of my fellow collectors, in general, I am not going to add another "new discovery." I am going to deal with an error that was made in the year 1864 in one of the Canadian Revenues, viz. - the 7c. variety of the first issue of Bill stamps. This stamp is by no means a common one and not many collectors can boast of having a specimen in their albums.

There is a general cry out by many stamp cranks as soon as a new oddity is discovered, as if it was done on purpose. They immediately start running down the country for which it was issued. But, thank goodness, we are not all like the above; we are not "keen" on errors, but they do appear now and again so we have got to hear it or not for there they are in spite of us.

But let us return to our subject. The above stamps were printed by the American Bank Note Co., of New York. The engraver made a very bad mistake in his work by spelling "seven" "sfven"—probably you think he couldn't spell it. I don't know. The number of stamps printed from this engraving is not known but it could not have been very many for it must soon have been noticed. However, it doesn't matter if there were twenty or 20,000 printed—you may be sure it was no where near the latter number—it was corrected and some of the stamps show that it was not much better. Some one fixed up the plate, I would imagine his eyesight was very bad for some of the copies of this stamp have the lower stroke added to the "F" to make it "E" and this stroke is too far up and too much to the left—it is quite noticeable. This variety is even more rare than the "sfven" copies, and it is very rarely met with. It is not, however, catalogued. Canadian revenues have not reached the minor variety stage but no doubt as soon as more is known concerning it it will be listed. Thank goodness, though, it is not a variety that will have to be examined through a magnifying glass to be discovered.

Canadian revenues are very young yet. Some catalogues do not even give the perforations of the bill stamps and none of them catalogue any differences or varieties of them, for they are not known. The bills are perforated 12. If any philatelist finds one perforated differently he will add another specimen to our now too long list of "minor varieties."

In the early years of Canadian revenues if a person was to apply to the Minister of Inland Revenue they could have, free of charge, one complete set of every revenue issued in Canada. I have exaggerated somewhat. I say if a person was to apply; I should say, he could get a set if he knew the Minister or through someone who did. However they could be obtained without much trouble. The Minister, however, saw that money could be made out of them; he therefore charged $10.00 for the complete set. There was a large amount made in this way too. But at last it was seen that they were too valuable to sell and it was stopped altogether and to-day they can not be bought from the Government. Of course the Minister "makes a break" once in a while and "favors a friend" with a set but not often.

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Many of the readers of this journal are probably unaware of the following: The Soudanese stamps issued in 1898 bearing the design of a camel have the words "Berber" and "Khartoum" cleverly inserted in the shading of the bale of goods which the camel is carrying, it can only be seen by the aid of a magnifying glass and is then easily distinguishable. These stamps were printed before Lord Kitcheners triumph so that his success was in reality prophesied.

It is of interest to note that Great Britain pays £3 per million for postcards whilst the United States get it done for about a third of that amount.

One set of the 1891 issue Trinidad viz. ½, 1, 2½, 6 & 1/ & 5/ surcharged 9d in honor of the visit of the Duke of York to that Island were sold for £30 at the recent auction in aid of the War Fund, there are only 3 other sets extant all of which are in the possession of his Royal Highness.

It is reported that henceforth all French soldiers are to have the privilege of sending their letters through the post free of charge and for that purpose a special stamp is to be issued.

The ignorance of the Daily Press as to the reason of the change in the current ½d Great Britain is amusing, one paper gravely announced that it was in honor of the Queen's recent visit to Ireland.

Collectors must look out for the new Bosnian stamps as although the design remains exactly the same as hitherto, the values of the stamps are now only found in the lower corners of the stamps.

Writer recently went into the shop of a well-known City dealer and offered for sale some 5/ Transvaal at reasonable figures. This dealer had some very indifferent specimens in the window for sale at 4/ each, but on being asked to purchase remarked that he could buy them at 6/ per dozen but curtly declined to supply them to me at 12/ per dozen stating that 9d each was his buying price & 4/ his selling i. e. he requires a profit of 700% on an outlay of 6d which is surely going a bit too far. This gentleman also offers £5 for the 5/ star St. Vincent which always realises as nearly as possible £10 in auction.

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